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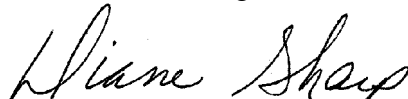
Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice PF-167

For: State and County Offices

Disabling FY 2001 Market Loss Assistance (MLA) Payments

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

On August 13, 2001, FY 2001 MLA payment rates were transmitted to County Offices. Notice PF-162 instructed County Offices to immediately issue FY 2001 MLA payments to eligible producers.

The issuance of FY 2001 MLA payments is being closely monitored and a possibility exists that payments may exceed the appropriated funding amount.

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Purpose

This notice advises State and County Offices that:

- software is being transmitted to disable the FY 2001 MLA regular payment process
- County Offices shall immediately discontinue issuing FY 2001 MLA payments.

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**Modified
Software**

On September 21, 2001, KC-ITSDO will transmit software to County Offices to disable the MLA regular payment process. County Offices shall immediately follow the instructions in Information Bulletin No. 2176 to install the software.

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SED Action

SED's shall immediately notify County Offices to discontinue processing any remaining FY 2001 MLA payments. It is imperative that all FY 2001 MLA payments be discontinued until further notice. Therefore, SED's must take all necessary actions to ensure that payment activity ceases immediately.

Activity will also be monitored at the national level.

Disposal Date

October 1, 2001

9-21-01

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices